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1. THE PERUVIAN ORGANIZING COMMITTEE FOR UNIDO INVITED EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVES FROM ALL COUNTRIES WHICH WILL BE ATTENDING THE UNIDO CONFERENCE TO TOUR THE CONFERENCE AREA ON FEBRUARY 20. AMBASSADOR GAMARA, THE FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR UNIDO, TOGETHER WITH CHILIKIN, DESCRIBED PERUVIAN PLANS FOR THE CONFERENCE, AS REPORTED LIMA 1346.

2. PLENARY HALL - GAMARA SAID THAT ALL PLENARY SESSIONS WILL BE HELD IN THE PARTIALLY BELOW-GROUND THEATER IN THE CIVIC CENTER COMPLEX PER LIMA 1346. WORKERS HAVE ALREADY CONSTRUCTED TRANSLATION BOOTHS AND DESKS. THIS HALL WILL HOLD 180 DELEGATIONS, AS COMPARED TO THE ORIGINAL FIGURE OF 120 DELEGATIONS GIVEN BY CHILIKIN, LIMITED TO THREE REPRESENTATIVES PER DELEGATION.

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GAMARA ASSURED US THAT FULL TRANSLATION FACILITIES WILL

BE AVAILABLE IN THIS HALL IN THE FIVE OFFICIAL UN LANGUAGES, AND POSSIBLY IN ARABIC AS WELL, IF REQUESTED BY THE ARAB COUNTRIES.

3. SHERATON FACILITIES - THE "INDEPENDENCE SALON" IN THE SHERATON, APPROXIMATELY THE SAME SIZE AS THE UNDERGROUND THEATER, WILL HAVE THE SAME CAPACITY AS THE THEATER, INCLUDING TRANSLATION, AND WILL BE USED FOR CONFERENCES OUTSIDE THE PLENARY WHICH WILL REQUIRE THE PARTICIPATION OF A MAJORITY OF THE DELEGATIONS. AN ENTRANCE AREA, DIRECTLY OUTSIDE THE INDEPENDENCE SALON, WILL SERVE AS A DELEGATES' LOUNGE. IN ADDITION, THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE SAME THIRD FLOOR AREA WILL BE RESERVED FOR REGIONAL MEETINGS (WESTERNS, AFRICANS) WITH TRANSLATION FACILITIES. THE ASIAN AND SOCIALIST BLOC COUNTRIES WILL USE OTHER ROOMS IN THE SHERATON FOR THEIR CAUCUSES.

4. OTHER FACILITIES - AN ITALIAN-STYLE RESTAURANT WILL BE SET UP IN A COURTYARD OF THE CIVIC CENTER TO SERVE LIGHT REFRESHMENTS TO THE DELEGATES. REGISTRATION ROOMS, HEALTH FACILITIES, AND A PRESS ROOM WILL BE ESTABLISHED IN GROUND FLOOR ROOMS NEXT TO THE THEATER AREA. IN ADDITION, FULL CLOSED-CIRCUIT TV WILL BE PROVIDED TO MEMBERS OF DELEGATIONS WHO, BECAUSE OF SPACE LIMITATIONS, WILL NOT BE ABLE TO FIT INTO THE PLENARY HALL.

5. OFFICE AND SECRETARIAT FACILITIES - THE UNIDO "TOWER" IN THE CIVIC CENTER, NEXT TO THE BURNED-OUT MAIN CONFERENCE HALL, WAS NOT TOUCHED DURING THE STRIFE AND WILL SERVE AS THE BASIC OFFICE AND SECRETARIAT SPACE FOR THE CONFERENCE. BOTH GAMARA AND CHILIKIN HAVE ESTABLISHED THEIR OFFICES IN THIS BUILDING.

6. COMMENT: GAMARA HAD ALL THE DIPLOMATS TRUDGE THROUGH THE BURNED-OUT HULK OF THE MAIN CONFERENCE BUILDING, APPARENTLY TO ILLUSTRATE GRAPHICALLY THE PROBLEMS THE GOP MUST OVERCOME IN MEETING THE CONFERENCE DEADLINE. BOTH HE AND CHILIKIN MAINTAINED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CATEGORICALLY THAT FULL TRANSLATION FACILITIES WILL BE AVAILABLE, AND THE EMBASSY OFFICERS NOTED THAT THE TRANSLATION BOOTHS IN THE THEATER HALL HAVE ALREADY BEEN INSTALLED, AS WELL AS WIRE CONNECTIONS TO EACH DESK THROUGHOUT THE HALL. GAMARA SAID, INCIDENTALLY, THAT SOME DELEGATIONS PLAN TO BEGIN ARRIVING MARCH 10 AND THAT THE FACILITIES WILL BE READY BY THAT DATE. WE WERE IMPRESSED WITH THE CALM

PROFESSIONALISM DISPLAYED BY GAMARA AND CHILIKIN, AND
THE LACK OF ANY SENSE OF PANIC, ALTHOUGH THEY ARE
OBVIOUSLY UNDER CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE. WHILE THE
THEATER AREA WILL CERTAINLY NOT OFFER THE FACILITIES
OF THE CENTRAL CONFERENCE HALL, IT SHOULD MEET THE
MINIMUM NEEDS OF THE DELEGATIONS, AND, AT THIS STAGE,
IT LOOKS AS THOUGH THE GOP WILL BE ABLE TO HAVE
SUFFICIENT FACILITIES IN PLACE TO ADEQUATELY HOUSE
THE CONFERENCE.
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